Voluntary Retirement Scheme for the employees of Burn Standard Company

1430. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised the proposal to introduce voluntary retirement scheme for the employees of Burn Standard Company Limited;

(b) whether the consent of respective trade union has been sought for enforcement of the scheme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what efforts are being made to keep the order book of the company full?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Burn Standard Company Limited have introduced a voluntary retirement scheme with effect from June, 1989 for its non-officers' category excluding two R&C units. The scheme is based on the guidelines issued by the Bureau of Public Enttrprises. The scheme is purely voluntary. The trade unions have been suitably informed of the various benefits admissible under the said scheme.

(d) The order book position of Burn Standard Company Limited as on July 1, 1989, was Rs. 157.41 crores. The Company has taken various measures to book fresh orders for Ash Handling Systems and other areas of its activities. Besides, the Company has also been trying to procure additional orders from ONGC for its Off-shore Division.

Scope complexes in and around Calcutta

1431. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not yet finalised the programme for building up SCOPE COMPLEXES in and around Calcutta for housing the offices of various public sector undertakings located there;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the proposal to build up such complexes is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of the objects of MRTP Commission

1432. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTP Commission is successfully implementing its two main objectives, viz. to ensure that "the ownership and control of material resources of the community are so distributed to best subserve to the common good" and that "the operation of the economic system does not result in concentration of wealth and means of production to the commo detriment" for dominent undertakings and big industrial houses under the MRTP Act; if so, what are the details of the progress and achievements;

(b) what are the names and addresses of the dominent undertakings and big industrial houses and their activities company-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that dominent undertakings are allowed to enter without licence, any other product line where licensing is not required by such dominant companies, if so, what are the reasons for such MRTP companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Through examination of

proposals of MRTP companies for substantial expansion, establishment of new units, merger, amalgamation, takeover, etc. in terms of the relevant provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969, it is ensured that increase in assets of large industrial houses and dominant undertakings does not take place to the common detriment.

(b) The time and effort involved in compilation of details of undertakings registered under the MRTP Act, 1969 will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved. However, the latest directory of MRTP companies as on 30.6.88 was published in August, 1988 issue of the Department of Company Affair's Journal: 'Company News & Notes', copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Recently, it has been decided to treat dominant undertakings as non-MRTP companies for the purposes of industrial licensing except for the items in which they are dominant. However, the position in regard to these undertakings under the MRTP Act remains unchanged.

Visit of Chinese delegation to conduct study on Indian Petro-Chemical industry

1433. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level Chinese delegation is expected to visit India shortly to conduct a study on the Indian petro-chemical industry and to workout arrangements for mutual cooperation and trade possibilities through joint ventures in the third world countries as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 16th July, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Sinopec of China and Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limittd which provides for cooperation in areas of technology transfer, research & development, training and trade, etc. in the field of petrochemicals. The Chinese delegation is expected to visit India shortly to further explore the possibilities of cooperation between two countries in petrochemicals field.

Variation in rates of petrol|diesel in different States

1434. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATUAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the rates of petrol and diesel are not the same in all the States and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the break-up of the rates and how Government justify different rates in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The ex storage point prices of petrol and diesel are uniform throughout the country. However, the retain prices vary from place to place because of freight, State imposts and other local levies etc. The break up of the retail prices therefore, varies from place to place.

Setting up of Gas-based power station at Gandhar in Gujarat

1435. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is facing power deficit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has given